

## **Jet Toy Challenge**

Pendleton Regional Education Center has embraced STEM by offering districts both training and resources to develop a "hands-on curriculum" with industry supported Project Based Learning activities. With the help from Borg Warner, an automotive supply company in Seneca, SC, all seven districts in Anderson, Oconee and Pickens Counties received training and kits from the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) A World in Motion (AWIM). Teachers left the October training at ICAR in Greenville with kits to prepare students for the "Jet Toy Challenge" held in February. Two teams from Clemson Elementary came in first and second and qualified for the International Jet Toy Challenge held in Detroit Michigan. After funds were raised by Pickens Business Education Alliance, the teams flew to Detroit and competed with students from over 20 countries. And yes, one of the Clemson teams came in first place to become "Worlds Best"!



- Teachers from all seven districts participated in STEM Training
- All Districts received "Jet Toy" kits
- Competed in a Jet Toy Challenge
- Follow up Training will allow expansion of activities in upcoming year

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